

WASHINGTON ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE INCENTIVES AND LAWS

Overview

Washington does not offer any incentives to encourage the use of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs).

State Incentives

The State of Washington does not have any incentives for AFVs. For more information, contact Kim Lyons, Washington State University Energy Program at (360) 956-2083.

Utility/Private Incentives

Washington Natural Gas will allow qualified fleets access to the company's 8 compressed natural gas (CNG) refueling stations by arrangement. Washington Natural Gas offers technical support and assistance to customers wishing to convert to natural gas vehicles. For more information, contact Chuck Dougherty at (206) 224-2306.

Laws & Regulations

House Bill 1028 (1991) requires that a certain percentage of new state vehicles must be low emission vehicles (LEVs), with a preference for dedicated (neat-fuel) vehicles according to the following schedule:

1995	45%
1996	50%
1997	55%
1998	60%
1999	65%
2000	70%

NOTE: LEVs are defined as vehicles whose aggregate tailpipe emissions (NMHC + CO + NO_x) are less than the average aggregate emissions for a particular vehicle class. LEVs are vehicles that as equipped have emission level certifications eligible for registration in all 50 states. AFVs are also considered LEVs.

CNG and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) powered vehicles are required to pay an annual fee, based on gross vehicle weight (gvw), instead of motor fuel excise taxes. The fee is \$85 for light-duty vehicles.

Electric, LPG, and CNG vehicles are exempt from emission control inspections.

Grant allowances were established under law with vocational and technical institutes to certify clean fuel mechanics. However, no funds have been appropriated for this grant program.

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